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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Comptroller

25X1A9A SUBJECT : [ ] - Travel and Per Diem Indebtedness  
THROUGH : Deputy Director of Security

25X1A9A 1. On 31 January 1955, [ ] by memorandum to [ ] 25X1A9A

25X1A9A stated that the Security Office believed it inadvisable to attempt further collection of the claim against [ ] because of the possible security disadvantages resulting from legal action. This Office has reviewed the file and explored the possibility of collecting the indebtedness through other means. We agree with your opinion that the debt should not be written off if there is any possibility of collecting it without endangering Agency security.

2. The problem was discussed informally with Mr. Pat Friend, a cleared attorney in the Office of the General Counsel, General Accounting Office (Code 195, Ext. 5419). Mr. Friend is of the opinion that [ ] debt could be recorded in the General Accounting Office with an agreement that no legal action would be brought by the Department of Justice. By such recording the Government would gain the advantage of a possibility of offsetting the debt if at any future time it became indebted to [ ] 25X1A9A

3. Inasmuch as the rights in this case are pretty clearly on the side of the Government we are of the opinion that every effort, within the limits of security considerations, should be made to collect the debt. We recommend that you make arrangements with the General Accounting Office to record the debt for offset action if the Office of Security will concur.

4. The complete file on this case is returned herewith.

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Office of General Counsel

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